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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
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INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: MILE, PFOR, CE

SUBJ: NAVAL VISITS

DOD FOR ISA

REF COLOMBO 1221 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN INFORMED PRESS 31 MAY THAT  
DECISION TO DECLARE SRI LANKA PORT OF TRINCOMALEE OUT OF  
BOUNDS FOR FOREIGN WARSHIPS WAS TAKEN RIGHT AFTER APRIL  
71 INSURRECTION. HE NOTED NO FOREIGN WARSHIPS HAD CALLED  
THERE IN PAST TWO YEARS.

2. AT SAME PRESS CONFERENCE MDFA SPOKESMAN STATED BRITISH  
AND DUTCH VESSELS SHORTLY SCHEDULED TO ENGAGE IN JOINT  
EXERCISE OFF EAST AFRICA WOULD BE PERMITTED TO USE REFUELING  
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AND OTHER FACILITIES IN PORT OF COLOMBO. QUESTIONED BY  
HSINHUA CORRESPONDENT AS TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH INDIAN  
OCEAN PEACE ZONE PROPOSAL, SPOKESMAN SAID EXERCISES WOULD NOT  
TAKE PLACE IN INDIAN OCEAN(\*) HE ADDED THAT AS LONG AS  
" BASES" IN PLACES LIKE SIMONSTOWN AND DIEGO GARCIA EXISTED,  
MOVEMENT OF WARSHIPS IN REGION COULD NOT BE PREVENTED.  
THAT WAS REASON GSL CAMPAIGNING FOR INDIAN OCEAN FREE OF ALL  
FOREIGN- OWNED BASES.

3. COMMENT: SPOKESMAN' S STATEMENT IS FIRST FORMAL DECLARATION  
BY GSL THAT TRINCO IS CLOSED TO FOREIGN NAVAL CRAFT. IT IS  
INTERESTING TO NOTE PRONOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AT TIME COMIDEASTFOR  
AND USS LA SALLE ARE PAYING CALL AT COLOMBO. CEYLONESE CLEARLY  
INTEND TO KEEP PORT OF COLOMBO OPEN TO ALL FOREIGN WARSHIPS,  
MAKING MONEY AS A CONSEQUENCE, PENDING UNCERTAIN ESTABLISHMENT OF  
IOPZ.  
VAN HOLLEN

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